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For: Method and Apparatus for the High
Speed Application of Coating to a
Traveling Paper Web

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above application, please amend the application as follows.

In the specification:

Please insert after the title

--CROSS REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a continuation of PCT/US 97/17417 which claims priority from Provisional
Application 60/051,471 filed June 30, 1997, now abandoned.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 5, 6 and 7.

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1. (Amended) Apparatus (20, 20b) for coating a traveling paper web (w) with a film
of coating, the apparatus operatively associated with an adjacent backing roll (14, 14b) and
comprising, in combination:

a coater head (22, 22b) having an inlet (24, 24b) for receiving a supply of fresh coating;
a mixing chamber (26, 26b) in the coater head in fluid communication with the inlet for
receiving the supply of fresh coating;